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SUBJECT: COMMENTS RELATIVE TO PAF DESERTER

REF: A. OSLO A-63 FEB 73

B. CONAKRY 495 (NOTAL)

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1. REF A REPORTED PAF DESERTER, EDUARDO DA SILVA, CHARGES CONCERNING PORTUGUESE USE OF US FURNISHED WEAPONS IN AFRICA. SUBSEQUENTLY, DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO VERIFY ALLEGATIONS BUT INVESTIGATIONS ARE NOT YET COMPLETE.

2. FOLLOWING REPORTED FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION IN HANDLING FUTURE REFERENCES THIS CASE.

A. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF DA SILVA AND THE CREDIBILITY OF HIS ALLEGATIONS HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

B. F84 G AIRCRAFT WERE PROVIDED UNDER MAP DURING 1950' S TO PORTUGAL. THIS WAS PRIOR TO THE 1961 PROHIBITIONS BEING PLACED ON PORTUGUESE USE OF US ARMS IN AFRICA THEREFORE NO RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED ON THESE AIRCRAFT. IN 1961, THE LAST OF THESE AIRCRAFT WERE DECLARED EXCESS BY THE US AND WERE SOLD OUTRIGHT TO PORTUGAL. THE F84 G IS NO LONGER IN THE PAF ACTIVE INVENTORY AND IT WAS LAST USED IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES DURING FIRST HALF OF 1972.

DA SILVA' S ONLY OTHER ALLEGATION OF THE USE OF U. S. EQUIPMENT CONCERNED " AMERICAN BOMBS". ALTHOUGH THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE OCCASIONALLY MADE NONE HAVE EVER BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

C. FORTY G-91 R AIRCRAFT WERE ACQUIRED BY PORTUGAL FROM FRG IN 1965-6. IN JANUARY 1966 FRG ANNOUNCED THE SALE OF THESE AIRCRAFT WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE AIRCRAFT BE USED ONLY WITHIN THE NATO FRAMEWORK. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE MANUFACTURED IN EITHER ITALY BY FIAT OR IN GERMANY UNDER LICENSE. EXACT ORIGIN IS NOT KNOWN. TWELVE ARE CURRENTLY IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA, ELEVEN IN MOZAMBIQUE AND THIRTEEN IN THE METROPOLE.

D. REF A BEING POUCHED TO BONN AND ROME. REF B BEING REPEATED TO OSLO, BONN, AND ROME. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE ARE NO US MANUFACTURED, PAF OPERATED AIRCRAFT IN THE PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES OVER WHICH WE HAVE CONTROL.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS IT

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